



# Clallam Conservation District

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Mr. Lynn Brown  
Conservation Commission  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

The Clallam Conservation District Board of Supervisors requests that the Conservation Commission review and update the Irrigation Efficiencies Grant Program cost sharing hold-downs. Much has changed since the current hold-downs were put in place several years ago that have significantly affected the costs of implementing irrigation efficiencies practices.

Our experiences at Clallam Conservation District indicate that overall costs for replacing open irrigation ditches with pipelines have increased 40-50 percent. Much of the increased costs are due to increased fuel costs and plastic pipe supply shortages (due to hurricane Katrina). Most of our easy, lower cost projects have been completed in Clallam Conservation District. It is becoming increasingly difficult to come up with the necessary funding to implement projects due to the increased costs and cost-share hold-downs. In discussing this issue with Program Manager Jon Culp and other IEGP districts, it is apparent these constraints are impacting other districts, too. Therefore, we recommend the following changes to the IEGP cost sharing hold-downs.

<b>HOLD-DOWN</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
Per Contract	\$312,500	\$400,000
Per Cubic Foot per Second Saved	\$400,000	\$500,000
Per Acre Served	\$2,000	\$3,000

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. I plan to attend the July 20 Commission meeting to answer questions and provide additional information if necessary.

Respectfully,

Joe E. Holtrop  
District Manager